## 1. PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS

Has he been calling?

| Present perf   | ect progressive     |                              |  |  |
|--|---------------------|------------------------------|--|--|
| Present perf   | ect continuous      | both are same.               |  |  |
| It is speaking about the action that started in the past and |                     |                              |  |  |
| Continues even at the present time                           |                     |                              |  |  |
| Have been has been must be there                             |                     |                              |  |  |
| Make your sentence very very fair.                           |                     |                              |  |  |
|  |                     | I                            |  |  |
| I you we the   | ey have been        |                              |  |  |
| He she it  | has been            | ∫ -2                         |  |  |
| Add then present participle to                               |                     |                              |  |  |
| Make the sentence very simple                                |                     |                              |  |  |
|  |                     | I have been waiting          |  |  |
|  |                     | They have been chatting      |  |  |
|  |                     | He has been calling calling. |  |  |
|  |                     | II                           |  |  |
| Have   | I you we they       | been                         |  |  |
| Has  | He She and It       | been                         |  |  |
| Add then present participle to                               |                     |                              |  |  |
| Make the qu  | nestion very simple |                              |  |  |
|  |                     | Have you been waiting?       |  |  |
|  |                     | Have they been chatting?     |  |  |

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How good are you at the Present Perfect Continuous tense? It's not a very common tense, and often it's not taught in classes, but we do use it sometimes and it's very good to know how to make it, and to recognise it when other people use it.

Luckily, it's very easy to make. Here's the **positive** (it's the present perfect of 'be' + verb -ing):

| Positive                | Positive Short Form   |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| I have been walking     | I've been walking     |
| you have been running   | you've been running   |
| he has been cooking     | he's been cooking     |
| she has been swimming   | she's been swimming   |
| It has been raining     | it's been raining     |
| we have been studying   | we've been studying   |
| they have been sleeping | they've been sleeping |

To make the **negative**, just add 'not':

| Negative                                | Negative Short Form                     |
|---|---|
| I have <b>not</b> been <b>walking</b>   | I have <b>n't</b> been <b>walking</b>   |
| You have <b>not</b> been <b>running</b> | you have <b>n't</b> been <b>running</b> |
| He has <b>not</b> been <b>cooking</b>   | he has <b>n't</b> been <b>cooking</b>   |
| She has <b>not</b> been <b>swimming</b> | she has <b>n't</b> been <b>swimming</b> |
| It has <b>not</b> been <b>raining</b>   | it has <b>n't</b> been <b>raining</b>   |
| We have <b>not</b> been <b>studying</b> | we have <b>n't</b> been <b>studying</b> |

| they have <b>not</b> been <b>sleeping</b> | they have <b>n't</b> been <b>sleeping</b> |
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|---|---|

There are two main times we use this tense. Remember we can't use it with **stative verbs**.

- 1: To say how long for unfinished actions which started in the past and continue to the present. We often use this with for and since. (See the present perfect for the same use with stative verbs)
  - I've been living in London for two years.
  - She's been working here since 2004.
  - We've been waiting for the bus for hours.
- 2: Actions which have just stopped (though the whole action can be unfinished) and have a result, which we can often see, hear, or feel, in the present (focus on action). (See the **present perfect** for a similar use which focuses on the result of the action)
  - I'm so tired, I've been studying.
  - I've been running, so I'm really hot.
  - It's been raining, the pavement is wet.
  - I've been reading your book, it's very good.